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At the Court at Kenſington, *Auguſt* 13, 1710.

PRESENT,

The Queen's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

THIS Day, by Her Majeſty's Command, the Right Honourable Robert Harley, Eſq; was Sworn of Her Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council, purſuant to a late Act of Parliament in that behalf, Entituled, *An Act for rendring the Union of the two Kingdoms more Entire and Compleat*; and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

William Barners, Eſq; is appointed Sheriff for the County of Hertford, in the room of Henry Houblon, Eſq; Deceaſed,

Copenhagen, Auguſt 9. *N. S.* On the 5th Inſtant Vice-Admiral Barſus ſailed towards Norway with the Squadron under his Command, but is ſtill detained in the Sound by contrary Winds; the Fleet bound for Iceland, and ſome Ships laden with Stores and Proviſions for Norway, have taken the Advantage of this Convoy. Since this Fleet ſailed, there is a Report that the Gottenburg Squadron is returned into the Haven, in order to be laid up, that the Sailors may be ſent by Land to Carelſcroon, to ſerve on Board that Fleet, which it is expected will ſpeedily put to Sea, if it is not already ſailed. On the 6th we heard a great a Noiſe of Cannon from the Swediſh Shore, which we ſuppoſe was occaſioned by the return of the Field-Marſhal Steenbock to his Government in Schonen, and the concluſion of the Aſſembly of the States. The ſame Day a new Oath of Allegiance was taken by all the Troops at a general Review; we are unacquainted with the Tenour of it, but here they make this Reflection, that the Adminiſtration of a new Oath at this Juncture, ſeems to imply that the former were inſufficient to keep the People to their Allegiance; and that the Inhabitants are more inclined to ſubmit themſelves to this Government than to continue under that of Sweden. The Daniſh Fleet under the Command of Admiral Guldenlieu appears on the Coaſt of this Iſland, and is now about four Leagues from this City. It is ſaid, they are returned to ſupply their Want of Proviſions, but ſince Vice-Admiral Barſus is ſailed to Norway, notwithſtanding Admiral Guldenlieu deſired that he might rejoin the Fleet, it is believed he did not think his Squadron, after having been weakened by ſuch a Detachment, of ſufficient Strength to engage the Swedes if they ſhould offer him Battel; the Fleet being alſo very much weakned by the Sickneſs of the Mariners, for theſe Reaſons he is ſuppoſed to have haſtened his return. Baron Leuendale hath fixed on this Day for his Departure to Norway by the way of Jutland. Baron Knyphauſen, Envoy-Extraordinary from the King of Pruſſia to his Daniſh Majeſty, returned Yeſterday from Berlin, whither he lately took a Journey to ſettle his private Affairs.

Berlin, Auguſt 9. *N. S.* Laſt Monday in the Evening the Queen returned from Grabe; the next Day the King came hither from Landsberg, and it is thought they will continue here until the Delivery of the Princeſs-Royal, which is daily expected. His Majeſty aſſiſts daily in Council to regulate his Affairs at this Juncture, as well in what concerns the Preſervation of the Neutrality of the Empire, of which he is a Guarantee, as the Precautions which are neceſſary to prevent the Contagion from approaching this City. Orders are already ſent to the Troops the King hath in Garriſon to be in readineſs to take the Field on the firſt Notice, and the Militi are likewiſe commanded to take their Poſts in their reſpective Garriſons. Since the return of Monſieur Lilhaven, the King's Reſident at Warſaw, and the Declaration the Swediſh Secretary hath made at Vienna, this Court ſeems to apprehend that the King of Sweden deſigns in concert with King Staniſlaus to invade Poland, and that Staniſlaus is to move with the Troops in Pomerania on one ſide, as ſoon as he ſhall receive intelligence that his Swediſh Majeſty is marched into that Kingdom on the other. Some Swediſh Officers paſſed lately through this Town in their way to Pomerania from Vienna. They report, that they came from Bender, where they left the King of Sweden in perfect Health, and ready to march with an Army of forty five thouſand Men. His Pruſſian Majeſty having received certain Advices that the Plague now rages in Prinzlow (a City in the Ukermark, nine Miles diſtant from this Place) and ſome neighbouring Villages, hath countermanded the Preparations that were making for his annual Diverſions in that Country, and all imaginable Endeavours are uſed to prevent the ſpreading of the Contagion. Several Phyſicians are ſent thither with Remedies. All infected Houſes are ordered to be ſhut up, and Ditches dug round them, and as ſoon as the Inhabitants ſhall be either dead or recovered, the Houſes are to be burnt with all their Furniture. Laſt Thurſday the Count Fontani, the Envoy of the Duke of Guaſtalla, had his private Audiences of the King, the Queen, and the Royal Family, being introduced by Monſieur Beſſer, Maſter of the Ceremonies, and is ſince attended by one of his Majeſty's Coaches, the uſual Compliment to Miniſters of that Character. Publick Thanks have been given in all the Churches of this City, for the Recovery of the Grand Chambellan, whoſe Fever was ſo violent that his Phyſicians deſpaired of his Life. Yeſterday the King went with great Ceremony to lay the Corner-ſtone of the Foundation of a Tower which is to be added to the new Stadthouſe of this City, under which his Majeſty laid ſeveral Medals. On Thurſday the 7th Inſtant, Monſieur Rantzau, the Envoy of Denmark, returned from Dreſden, where he hath been to wait on the Prince of Muſcovy. Letters from Poland of the firſt Inſtant ſay, that at the Aſſembly held at Bielany, two Commiſſioners were nominated for Collecting the Tax upon Chimneys, which was ſetled at the laſt General Diet; but they had ſignified to his Poliſh Majeſty, that they would not raiſe the Mony 'till the Muſcovites had evacuated that Province. The Great General of the Crown, the Lieutenant-General, and divers of the Nobility, were expected within few Days at Sendomir, in order to hold a Council of War.

Bruſſels, Auguſt 20. *N. S.* On the 17th in the Evening a Courier from the Imperial Miniſter at the Hague paſſed through this City, with Diſpatches for the Prince of